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With reference to your letter of 31 August 1949 (E) 889) on the subject of illicit trade in arms, the concern of this Agency in the matter has not previously been great enough to warrant the full attention of any one CIA office. We have found it necessary, therefore, not only to search our own files, but to endeavor to find out what material, not immediately available to us, is in the possession of other government agencies. In my letter of 10 August to [REDACTED] I indicated that such a search would be undertaken. When it is completed, I shall be glad to furnish you with any pertinent information we find.

Sincerely,

/s/ R. H. A.

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